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SUBJECT: OPENING OF GREEK/EC ACCESSION TALKS

1. SUMMARY: NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION OF GREECE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WERE FORMALLY OPENED IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 27, FOLLOWING A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF THE EC-GREECE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

2. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GREEK APPLICATION TO JOIN THE EC WERE FORMALLY OPENED IN BRUSSELS JULY 27, WITH SPEECHES BY DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT: EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI, AND GREEK MINISTER FOR COORDINATION AND PROGRAMMING PAPALIGOURAS. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED STRESSED THE POSITIVE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS BUT PUBLICALLY RECOGNIZED, AT THE SAME TIME, THAT PROBLEMS DO LIE AHEAD.

3. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT VAN DER STOEL STRESSED THAT ENLARGEMENT SHOULD NOT LEAD TO WEAKENING THE EC, ITS INSTITUTIONAL

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STRUCTURES OR ITS SCOPE FOR ACTION; AND THAT ANY

PROBLEMS GREECE MIGHT FACE IN ADJUSTING TO COMMUNITY RULES SHOULD BE SOLVED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITIONAL MEASURES AND NOT THROUGH CHANGES OF THE RULES THEMSELVES.

4. PAPALIGOURAS, IN HIS PREPARED SPEECH, STRESSED THAT GREECE WAS READY TO ACCEPT ALL OBLIGATIONS ATTENDANT UPON FULL EC MEMBERSHIP AND STOOD READY TO PLAY A PART IN STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND IN FURTHERING EVOLUTION TOWARDS A UNITED EUROPE. HE SAID THAT, THOUGH GREECE WOULD NEED A TRANSITION PERIOD TO MEET THE FULL OBLIGATIONS OF EC MEMBERSHIP. IN GENERAL THAT PERIOD NEED NOT EXCEED FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO MENTIONED, AT SEVERAL POINTS IN HIS SPEECH, GREECE'S SPECIAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THE NEED TO MAKE SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. HE ADDED, AS WELL, THAT GREECE WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL EC ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN BOTH THE AGRICULTURAL AND THE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

5. DURING THE PRECEDING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF THE EC-GREECE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, THE TWO SIDES CONDUCTED A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE REVIVAL OF THE ATHENS AGREEMENT, AND REVIEWED PROGRESS ON THE HARMONIZATION OF GREEK AND EC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES. THE COUNCIL ALSO TOOK NOTE OF AN EC STATEMENT SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT AND BREAKDOWN OF FINANCIAL AID FOR GREECE UNDER THE SECOND FINANCIAL PROTOCOL (280 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT: 225 MUA FROM THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK AND 55 MUA FROM BUDGET RESOURCES). DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS AID ARE TO BE SETTLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER WORK IS RESUMED IN SEPTEMBER.

6. COPIES OF THE PAPALIGOURAS, VAN DER STOEL AND ORTOLI SPEECHES, AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE, ARE BEING POUCHED TO ATHENS AND TO THE DEPARTMENT (EUR/RPE).

7. AT A POST-SESSION PRESS CONFERENCE, VAN DER UNCLASSIFIED

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STOEL STATED THAT BOTH SIDES INTENDED TO BEGIN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK. HE SAID THAT THERE MAY BE ANOTHER EC-GREEK MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
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